

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS - Division of Child and Family Services

No.	Question	Answer	Additional Information: (period covered, etc.)
<b>Child Protective Services</b>			
1	How many abuse cases were reported last year?	<b>19,198</b>	12 mo ending 01/01/03
	a. How many were actually abused (substantiated)?	<b>6982(37%)</b>	12 mo ending 01/01/03
	b. How many kids were removed from their homes?	<b>1567 (15%)</b>	12 mo ending 01/01/03
2	How quickly do we respond to calls		% On-time CY '02
	a. Priority one - Child in immediate danger	<b>one hour</b>	88%
	b. Priority two - Evidence at risk of being lost or child in risk of further abuse	<b>24 hours</b>	89%
	c. Priority Three - Potential of further harm or loss of physical evidence low	<b>three working days</b>	71%
	d. Priority Four - Court-ordered no specific allegation or out-of-home perpetrator without access to child	<b>five working days</b>	74%
3	What is the turnover rate for Child Protective Service (CPS) workers?	<b>28.10%</b>	Workers w/full load who leave CPS work, year ending 12/31/02
	a. For all DCFS workers leaving the Division?	<b>15.70%</b>	Year ending 12/31/02
4	How much experience does the average CPS worker have?	<b>4.6 years (30% less than 2 yrs)</b>	As of 12/31/2002
5	What is the average age of a CPS worker?	<b>37.6</b>	As of 12/31/2002
6	What is the average salary for a CPS worker	<b>15.16/hr</b>	As of 12/31/2002
	a. What is the beginning salary?	<b>\$12.71/hour</b>	As of 12/31/2002
<b>Foster Care</b>			
1	How many kids are in state custody?	<b>1,930</b>	As of 2/5/2003
	a. How many in foster homes?	<b>1,509</b>	"
	b. How many in group or residential facilities?	<b>289</b>	"
	c. How many in independent living ?	<b>20</b>	"
2	What is the average length of stay in foster care?	<b>12.75 months</b>	cases closed 12 months ending 01/01/03
3	What is the percent of children placed in custody because of:		of 1,719 who came into custody in 12mo ending 01/01/03
	a. Neglect?	<b>41.36%</b>	"
	b. Physical abuse?	<b>10.24%</b>	"
	c. Sexual abuse?	<b>4.71%</b>	"

	d. Dependency	<b>20.59%</b>	"
	e. Delinquent behavior	<b>11.52%</b>	"
4	What percent of cases are related to domestic violence?	<b>27.00%</b>	cases closed 12 months ending 01/01/03
5	What percent of children removed from home are eventually returned to their parents?	<b>37.00%</b>	Of cases closed in 12 months ending 01/01/03
6	What percent are placed with relatives or guardians?	<b>29.00%</b>	Of cases closed in 12 months ending 01/01/03
7	What percent of children removed from home are placed with other than parents or relatives?	<b>32.00%</b>	Of cases closed in 12 months ending 01/01/03
8	In cases where parental rights are terminated, how long does the child generally spend in foster care before being adopted?	<b>18 months</b>	Of cases closed in 12 months ending 01/01/03
9	What does it cost to keep a child in foster care?	<b>\$21,586/year direct, \$13,501 indirect, Total \$35,087</b>	Based on all types placement including foster, group, residential, & psychiatric hospital
10	How do you become a foster parent?	<b>Apply thru Utah Foster Care Foundation, receive training, become licensed</b>	
11	What training do foster parents get	<b>32 hrs pre-service, 12 hrs annually</b>	
12	How much are foster parents paid?		Current payment (rates being revised based on age.)
	a. Basic foster care	<b>\$13.00/day</b>	
	b. Structured home	<b>\$31.25/day</b>	
	c. Specialized home	<b>\$26.25/day</b>	

### ***General Division Questions***

1	How many persons were served by the Division last year?	<b>54,433</b>	Calendar Year 2002
2	How many are employed in the Division?	<b>1055</b>	As of 2/6/03
3	How many caseworkers do we have?	<b>501</b>	with cases as of 11/20/02
4	What is the Division's Annual Budget?	<b>\$123,396,500</b>	Authorized for FY 2003, includes state and Federal funding